THREE CENTS.

Y EVENING.

TOPEKA, KANSAS, DECEMBER 14, 1897.

CANTON MOURNS.

All Business is Suspended in

torney General McKenna and Mrs. Me-

tary of Agriculture Wilson, Secretary to

the President Porter. The train was met

t the station by Assistant Secretary of

State Day, Assistant Indian Commissione

conner, who arrived from Washingto

resterday, and former United States Disrict Attorney Shields, with carriages to

scort the guests to the homes where hey have been assigned for lunch and

Secretary Bliss and Mr. and Mrs. Por-

ter were taken to the Shields residence,

Judge McKenna and wife to Judge Day's

home, where they were later joined by

Congressman Taylor of this district; Ger

eral and Mrs. Alger, Postmuster General

Gary and Secretary Wilson were taken

o the special train, and in it the presi-ent, Mrs. McKinley and Mr. Abner Mc-

mill after the services. The public

the day and business of all kinds is

and ordered all offices in the city build-ing closed during the hours of the funeral

members of the bar, attended the services

in a body. Rain began falling last even

and the day is dismal and gloomy in consequence. But regardless of the weather,

the richest blooms of the local hot-houses

the remembrances of friends and neigh-

AT THE CHURCH.

Services Conducted by Dr. Manches-

President.

Canton, O., Dec. 14.-The casket con

taining the remains was tenderly plac-

posed of Messrs. William Reed, Thos.

J. Mallory, Alfred Bachrens and Harry

Lawson chanted "Still, Still with Thee.

formed church, whose pastorate in Can-

ton is of the largest in the local clergy

the memorial adopted by the board of officers of the church of which Mother

Rev. Dr. Manchester who was com

Lawn cemetery where the laid to rest in the family lot,

Half an Inch of Water.

nigs says that the storm is in Oklaho ma today and that tomorrow will prob ably be clear. Tonight will be warmer

The Aeolion quartette com-

ter, an Army Comrade of the

ractically suspended.

the family.

ntertainment while in the city.

TUESDAY EVENING.

THREE CENTS.

HORSE SENSE.

Men of Influence in Topeka Take Up the Subject

Of Police Administration and Discuss It.

An Eye Opener for Governor Leedy and Partisans.

MEN WIIO PAY TAXES

Are Tired of Having Cities Governed Politically.

Want the City Run Just Like a Corporation

FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES

Police Force Should Be Reduced for Economic Reasons.

Citizens Generally Stand by Judge Hazen's Decision.

The people who pay the taxes of To-peka are not satisfied with the Metropolitan police. This feeling has bee intensified by the action of the board of police commissioners in defiantly re fusing to follow the decision of Judge Hazen and reduce the force to a number allowed by the law. The threat of the commissioners to raise salaries to keep up the expenditure of money shows the system up in its true light as a political machine

M. Snattinger, in discussing the con-

"I have followed the matter through its different stages, and it is evident to me, and I think to everyone, for that matter, that there is nothing in it but politics. I was really angry when I read what President Billard of the police board had to say. His letter bears on its face the fact that the first thing thought of is what effect a reduction will have upon the party.

"I am not prepared to say whether or

"I am not prepared to say whether or not there are enough policemen, but a police department properly conduct-ed, can never be secured while it is in the control of politicians. I do not blame one party more than another. They are all guilty alike. "It does not seem right that a class

They are all guilty alike.

'It does not seem right that a class of men should be put in charge of a department to manipulate it to help tills or that party, and that we have to pay for it. It is not fair, and the sooner it is done away with, the better."

Major William Sims, president of the First National bank, said.

'On general principles, I would say that the police commissioners should follow the decision of the court. If it says there are too many, the force should be reduced to correspond with the law. It seems to me that there are too many burgluries and things of that kind now."

that Rind now."

E. W. Benedict—The whole trouble is with the system. It is not right that any police system should be controlled by politics. That is where the whole trouble lies. I believe it would be better to have a small police force and a ter to have a small police force and a

amounts to nothing.

D. J. Greenwald—I do not know that the police force is too large now, but we should have an efficient force with the least possible expense to the tax-payers. I do not believe that those who framed the metropolitan police law ever intended that it should be made a political machine. I do not believe that they intended that all the policemen should be discharged every time there is a change in the administration. I contend that the spirit in which the metropolitan police law was enacted, was all right, and that it was the purpose to make the police department pose to make the police department like those of the larger cities in which merit is the only thing considered in the inen. I do not believe it possible to make a good policeman in one or two

years.
EX-Governor Thomas A Osborn—I think that a force of 15 patrolmen can furnish all the needed protection in this city provided they are appointed with reference to their ability and not with reference to the votes they cast. Until such is done, I don't think it matters much whether they do or do not reduce the force.

e force. Mr. P. I. Bonebrake-I know that during the three years I was on the police board we had a force of only 22 than at present. We squelched all the joints and disorderly houses then as soon as they started, and that is more than is being done now. I think Mayor Fellows has taken the right stand, and believe that the forms speak has a duced because it would be a saving to

Edwin Knowles-I don't think the reduction of the force would count ma-terially as far as protection is concern-ed, because the present force is far

terially as far as protection is concerned. because the present force is far from efficient.

Mr. E. H. Crosby—As far as protection is concerned, I think that the present police force is not targe enough. There is practically no protection afforded the outlying districts of the city and never has been any. But if the city can't afford to keep up the police force, why it is an entirely different thing. I don't know anything about the activity of the police force.

Mr. B. F. Morrow—If Judge Hagen was correct in his ruiling, I think the police commissioners should reduce the force. If it is the law, they should abide by it. The commissioners might as well go out and break the law by running a joint as to stand up and say they won't reduce the police force after Judge Hagen's ruiling. As far us pro-

Judge Hazen's ruling. As far as pro-tection is concerned. I don't think we would know the difference if they turn-ed the whole force out.

ed the whole force out.
Mr. L. S. Woolverton-I don't think Mr. L. S. Woolverton—I don't think the present police force is too large, or farge enough, for the needs of a city of this size. But if the council must cut down expenses, let the force be recinced. This is the only business-like way of looking at the matter. Personally, I think the metropolitan police law is a farce, and am emphantically in favor of the city running its own affairs. We elect councilmen to look after the affairs of the city, and I don't think the governor or anyone else has any right

and I den't think it would matter much if the force were reduced. When the police will let such things happen as the riot at Garfield park and the prize fight last night, they are of no use to a city. Saloons are running wide open in this city, and I believe every policeman to a man is in with them.

C. S. Eagle—I have given the matter no thought, but I wish we could get along without quite so many policemen. James B. Hayden—I think Mayor Fellows is in a position to know what should be done in this matter. Either we have not enough policemen or the

should be done in this matter. Either we have not enough policemen or the present force is incompetent. Burglaries occur from time to time, and in the majority of cases no arrests are ever made and but little attempt to capture the men. A man newadays is almost afraid to go to bed because of the possibility of waking up to be riddled by a burglar.

J. L. VanHouten-I think the force hould be reduced. We have a small ity here, with prohibition, and I don't ee the need of a large force. If the ity is to have a large force, let the of-icers license saloons and make the rev-nue from the saloons pay for the po-

William M. Hord-I think that if William M. Hord—I think that if Judge Harsen's decision was right the police force should be reduced. The police commissioners have no more right to break the law than any other men. In the matter of protection, I don't think we have too large a force for the city. There are a lot of men on the force who are no account, and as far as preventing burglaries, I don't think the force is any account at all. Burglars come and steal and go and that is the end of the matter.

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O. G. Tayman—I don't think the force is any too large for the city, and think it is being run on as economical basis now as ever before.

Sam Hindman—I have given the matter but little thought, but I don't think it would make much difference as far as protection is concerned if the police force was reduced.

MR. BILLARD'S LETTER.

President of the Police Board Obstinate Without Reason.

President Billard of the police board has made a formal reply to Mayor Fel-lows' letter in which he defends the po-lice administration. Following is the

North Topeka, Kan., Dec. 13, 1897.—
Hon. C. A. Fellows, Mayor, City of Topeka—Dear Sir: Your favor of the lith which was published in yesterday morning's Capital, only reached me this morning, over 24 hours after its publication.

In answer, permit me to say that I.

this morning, over 24 hours after its publication.

In answer, permit me to say that I regret very much to learn the decision of the majority of the council insisting on a reduction of the police force. We certainly cannot give the city of Topeka a good police service with a less number of men than we now have.

From the tone of your letter I infer that you somewhat misunderstood me in my conversation with you on the subject. I certainly did not say nor intimate that the police board would violate or disregard the laws of the state, nor ask the consent of yourself and the city council to do so. The members of the police board have just as high a regard for the laws of our state as yourself and the members of the city council can have.

What I did ask you was whether yourself and the council would really insist upon the reduction of the police force to conform with Judge Hazen's

insist upon the reduction of the police force to conform with Judge Hazen's late decision, regardless of the effect such a reduction would have upon the efficiency of the police service, when you know that the police force is not more than is absolutely necessary for the protection of the lives and property of the police force of Toroka is owner.

The police force of Topeka is organzed the same as that of all other cit-ies of the first class in the state ac-cording to the metropolitan police law as it has been understood and con-strued since its passage about ten years ago. All former boards of To-peka and other cities have understood the law the same as this board. Judge Hazen has just given it a new meaning this decision is not final. The cas lighest court of the state and a final lectaton obtained as soon as possible. While the case is pending and until the linal decision. I do not consider it a vioganized: the same plan that has been recognized as legal by the courts and attorneys of the state as well as people

generally for nearly ten years.

It is true that I suggested that in case the council insisted upon a reduction of the force, that the salaries might be raised; but did not say nor ean that it would be done as a matter spite work, but as a matter of ne-selty to enable the board to continue the efficiency of the force. If we could be some way to obtain the same mount of service from 21 men that e now get from 26, the 21 men would entitled to more pay than they now eive. We intend to continue to give city as good or better police serv-than we have in the past if we can ossibly devise some means to do so Any fair minded person that will care fully examine the records of the police epartment will admit that the presen force has been the best disciplined and most effective police force the city of Topeka has ever had; more theves have been arrested and convicted and there has been fewer robberies.

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In the matter of economy our board is ready and anxious to do anything that can be done consistent with giving the city proper protection. The memthat can be done consistent with giving the city proper protection. The members of the council know very well we have not a man that can be spared in fact, we need at least six more men to be able to give the residence portion of the city the needed protection. And when you say that the efficiency of the police force will be impaired by taking off a few of the "fringes and plumes that it has been decorated with as a matter of display." I must ask you to specify and state what you mean by the "fringes and plumes." If you will kindly point them out. I assure you the board will promptly cut them off whether they are covered by the decision of the court or not. The facts are ion of the court or not. The facts are there are no "plumes and fringes" in our department that can be taken off. There is not a man that can be spared without impairing the police service; and you know this to be true, and every member of the council known it. member of the council knows it. They have already been asked to point out any of our men whose services could be dispensed with, and have failed to

Am very glad to learn that yourself and the members of the council are dong everything you can to reduce the expenses of the city and the burden of he tax payers. Being a tax payer myself, I am interested in that line probable ably as much as yourself or any mem-ber of the council and certainly appre-ciate your efforts in that direction. elect countrilmen to look after the affairs of the city, and I don't think the governor or anyone else has any right to interfere.

N. F. Morehouse—The police force is at present of very little use to us,

ment our men could do all other work without interfering with their other duties, and thus save to the bity the salaries of from three to six sanitary men, and the work would be done better than it is now, as all of the policemen would be sanitary men; but the city council was not then ready to practice sconomy in this direction; at least our communication was "placed on file" and never again heard from. Several other ways could be suggested by which you could economize by co-operation with the police department. The duties of liceuse collector and dog catcher could be performed by the police without cost to the city.

During the recent improvements of the city hall you employed a superintendent of the work during some six or eight weeks, while the same could have been done by the chief of police under the directions of the board without any expense to the city.

Our board has practiced all the economy consistent with good service since we have been in office. During the first eight months of our administration our department cost the city over \$2.600 less than during the last eight months of the previous board. We have reduced the expense of feeding the prisoners from 12 to 2 cents per meal; the expense of light from an average of \$33 to \$13 per month.

Any number of the council or citizen

expense of light from an average of socto \$13 per month.

Any member of the council or citizen of the city can satisfy himself that these are facts by an examination of the books of our department, and our reports on file with the city clerk.

Very representably.

J. B. BILLARD, President Police Board.

ST. LOUIS FOR CIVIL SERVICE Civic Federation Begins an Active Canvass in the Interests of Municipal Reform.

nicipal Reform.

St. Louis, Dec. 14.—The civic federation has begun to make a systematic canvase in the interest of civil service reform in the municipal government of St. Louis. At present petitions are being circulated among the big business houses and office buildings, and the federation officials say that they are being numerously signed. They are addressed to the municipal assembly and ask that an opportunity be given the people of the city to vote upon the proposition to introduce the merit system of appointments in the local government. Thus far between \$,000 and 10,000 signatures have been attached to these petitions. This afternoon the Central Trades and Labor union held a meeting in Walhalla hall and voted to support the movement to secure civil service reform in St. Louis.

BAREFOOT IN THE SNOW

Robbers Strip a Victim of Clothes and Money.

Ransas City, Mo., Dec. 14.-G. W. lammon, a farmer from Blue Springs, Mq., had a chilly experience with footpads in Kansas City last night. While he was crossing the Santa Fe freight yards at Nineteenth and Liberty streets, three men stood him up between two lines of freight cars and literally stripped him. When the rob-bers departed Mr. Gammon was left with just two pleces of underwear, even his stockings having been taken. He ran barefooted through the deep anow to a switchman's shanty in the yards. There he was given a pair of overshoes and at a neighboring saloon he was given clothing enough to permit his going to a police station to tell his troubles. The robbers secured \$38 in

WHISKY POOL FAILS. Many Distillers Refuse to Limit Pro-

duction. Louisville, Ky., Dec. 14.-The attempt of the Kentucky Distillers' association to secure an agreement to restrict the production to 15 million or 20 million gallons in 1898 is a failure. The secre-tary has received less than a dozen an-swers to the invitation to sign the con-tract, and is very blue, as the stocks now on hand are sufficient for four

now on hand are sufficient for four years' consumption, and much is selling below the cost of production.

Some of the best brands, distilled in 1892 and 1893, are selling at from 25 to 20 cents a gallon, in addition to the tax and the distillers are now trying to produce an article at 15 cents a gallon, which further demoralized the trade, Distilleries with a capacity of 28,000 gallons daily will be in operation in this city on January I, and others are presented. dty on January 1, and others are pre-paring to start up all over the state. Should the production run as high as add immensely to the embarrassm

FARE TO DAWSON. It Has Been Fixed \$300 From San

Francisco. San Francisco, Dec. 14.—The transportation companies have agreed upon a passenger rate of \$300 from San Francisco to Dawson City. The Alaska trade committee is working hard to demonstrate the advantages of this city as an outfitting point, for the gold us an outfitting point, for the gol fields. Its agents, headed by ex-Gover or Sharkley, will start for Chicago or Thursday in a special car filled with Alaskan exhibits and a permanent exhibit has been established here. A man will be sent to Washington to work with representatives of northwestern cities in the effort to have Dyea closed

EMPERORWILLIAM'S YACHT The Yampa Will Sail for Southampton Tomorrow.

as a sub-port of entry

York, Dec. 14.-The schooner yacht Yampa, recently purchased by the emperor of Germany, will sail from this port for Southampton, England, to-

The Yampa has been overhauled and litted for sea at Hawkins' yard, City sland, and is now in the best of shap Island, and is now in the best of chape for a winter voyage, across the Atlantic. The racing spars of the Yampa which had been stored in Boston, were recently shipped from that port by steamer, but her racing canvas will be taken over by the yacht.

Captain John Burt will be in charge of the vessel on the voyage across and he is perfectly familiar with her excellent seagoing qualities.

lent seagoing qualities,

Found a Stolen Horse Last evening Sergeant Donovan and Patrolman Whitaker found a horse on Kansus avenue which had been stolen from a former named Spencer at Big Springs. The animal had been driven hard and then turned loose. It strayed into the yard of Farmer Balley two miles east of Topeka. The latter brought it to Topeka to advertise it as a "stray."

INSATIABLE.

Spoilsmen Are Determined to Break Down the Civil Service.

Washington, Dec. 14.-The outlook for As a Tribute of Respect to the President's Mother.

THE CABINET ARRIVES

Loads of Flowers Arrive by Every Incoming Train.

Streets Throngod With People Going to the Faneral.

Canton, O., Dec. H.—The members of the cabinet who came to Canton to attend the funeral reached here on a special train over the Pennsylvania line at \$1.15 this morning, having left Washington at 9:15 last night. The party is composed of Secretary of the Interior Biles, Atger, Secretary of the Interior Biles, hanging the civil service law is being

of Secretary of War Alger and Mrs. Al- as follows: Excluding from the operations of the law cases in which one government officer is responsible for the acts of his subordinate, as collectors of revenue; examinations of those already covered into the classified service without examination, so as to put them on a footing with new applicants; change of examinations so as to make them more practical and less theoretical; distinct provision against life tenure and for a stated term of service; affirmation of the rights of heads of departments to remove, reduce or promote in the interest of the public; a limitation of the law to specific departments, bureaus, etc., and an exclusion of those not enumerated.

Another point that will materially Excluding from the operations of the ger, Secretary of the Interior Bliss, At-Kenna, Postmaster General Gary, Secre-

enumerated.

Another point that will materially figure in the discussion of the subject is the alleged rapid and unauthorized enlargement of the functions of the civil service commission. The opponents of the commission assert that the original commission asserts that the original commission are commission as a commission of the subject in the subject is the alleged rapid and unauthorized commission as a commission of the commission of the commission as a commission of the commission as a commission of the commission of the commission of the commission of the commission as a commission of the commission as a commission of the commission of the commission as a commission of the commission of th inal law was never intended to apply t tenure of office and removals, and tha the commission, growing from a corp of three commissioners and severa to the home of Mrs. George D. Harter. After the funeral services all of the Washington guests will be entertained at of three commissioners and several clerks to a large institution, has arragated to itself not only the rank of a department but the power of dictating to heads of departments what action they will take and further to employ attorneys to make pleadings as in the case of the Virginia collector of internal revenue. An attempt will be made to define the exact functions of the commission. dinner by Mrs. Harter and at 8 o'clock will leave on the special train for Washngton. The car Newport, which is assigned to the president, will be attached Kinley will leave, the latter taking the New York train at Harrisburg.

While the family and friends and neighbors of the late Mrs. Nuncy Allison Mc Kinley are paying their last tribute of SALARY GRABBING. espect and while the earthly remains are being laid to rest in the beautiful West awn cemetery at the side of her husband Chicago Aldermen Vote Themand others of her family who have preceded her over the river of life, all bus selves a Large Increase. ness is abandoned in Canton, Business houses closed at 1 o'clock to remain closed

Chicago, Dec. 14.-Chicago aldermei raised their salaries from \$3 a week to \$1,500 a year last night. The ordinance which accomplished it was passed un The city council at a meeting last night der a suspension of the rules by a vote arranged to attend the funeral in a body

A NAVAL AMBULANCE The court house closed at moon and the officials and clerks, together with the Has Been Designed for Use of the U. S. Navy. ing and has continued almost incessantly

New York, Dec. 14.-If Surgeon Gen eral W. K. Van Reypan can accomp lish it, the navy will be supplied during his administration with an ambulance the streets of the city early began to fill with those who desired to attend the servship, says the Washington correspon by Dr. Van Reypan contemplate the construction of an ambulance ship of 3,550 tons displacement. She will be 260 feet in length and 50 feet beam ans The express wagons have continued to nload magnificent floral tributes brought by every train from sympathizing friends in all quarters, and to these were added

200 feet in length and 50 feet beam and will steam 14 knots an hour. The ship will carry four steam launches and four barges, each barge arranged with a flying floor between the thwarts so as to conveniently carry 12 cots.

There will be beds for 274 patients and hammock space for 36 and the vessel will comfortably accommodate 230 lil or wounded men with sufficient berthing space for the crew. There will be quarters for four medical officers, two apothecaries and twelve nurses. Upon the completion of an action, Dr. Van Reypan explains, launches should brought friends of the president and of an Reypan explains, launches sho tow barges along side the vessel, col-lect the wounded and steam away with all dispatch to the ambulance ship where the patients would receive the ed in front of the chancel rail at the

LUETGERT'S SECOND TRIAL It is Begun Before Judge Gary at Rev. E. P. Horbruck of Trinity Re-Chicago Today.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—After two weeks spent in securing a jury the second trial of Adolph L. Lueigert the sausage manufacturer accused of murdering his was commenced before was commenced before offered prayers. This was followed by the reading of the hymn, 'Jesus Lover of My Soul.' by Rev. Millign of the First Presbyterian church and the singing of the same by the quartetie. Rev. Dr. Hall of Trinity Lutheran church read a scriptural lesson from First Corinthians, part of the 15th chapter. Former Mayor R. A. Cassidy then read the memorial adonted by the board of scores of curious men and wome stood in rows behind the railing and lous to hear the proceedings and get a glimpse of the man who is charged with beiling his wife in caustic potasi with beiling his wife in caustic potash in one of his own sausage vats.

The prosecution as in the former trial was represented by State's Attorney Deneen and Assistant State's Attorney McEwen, while Luetgert had at his side as his defenders Attorneys Harmon, Reise and Kehoe. Assistant State's Attorney McEwen made the opening address for the state. His speech, which occupied the greater part of the session, did not deviate from the line he pursued in his address at the opening of the formal trial. McKinley had so long been a member and the quartette sang "Lead Kindly rade in arms of the president during the war, was a member of the famous Twenty-third Obio volunteers infantry. Twenty-third Obio volunteers infantry, and who has been the pastor of the First M. E. church for some years, delivered an oration in which he dwelt upon the character of the departed and spoke of her as she was known by the neighbors and friends in Canton. After the singing "Nearer My God to Thee." benediction was pronounced by key. Dr. McAfee of Columbus, pastor of the Broad Street Methodist church of Columbus which the president attended while he was governor of Obio.

The lid of the casket was then lifted and the large congregation as well as many who had been unable to gain admission to the church filed past to take a lest look of all that was mortal of

STRUCK BY A HOSE REEL. Collision With a Street Car Results Disastrously.

St. Louis, Dec. 14.—A hose reel dashing to a fire this morning, collided with a street car. Fireman John Sayers was thrown 15 feet and fatally ina lest look of all that was mortal of Mother McKinley. The family and friends entered the carriages and fol-lowed by thousands proceeded to West Mrs. J. Fagg and Mrs. Nelhause,pas sengers on the car, were badly cut by flying window glass, A dozen other passengers were more or less hurt. The hose reel and car were splinter-

Snow Dalayed M. A. & B. Trains.

The rainfall on Sonday was 17 o. an inch. The melted snow amounted to 20 of an inch, making 47 of an inch of moisture which fell Sunday and Monday. This morning early, the minimum temperature for the night was 24 degrees. Weather Observer T. B. Jendary was that the storm is in Object. The snow of yesterday did not delay any trains except on the Manhattun Alma & Burlingame branch. A gang of men had to clear the track and the trains were delayed. On the McPher-son branch a snow plow was used, but the train went right through without

CASTLE BURNS.

Famous Castle of Dover on the English Channel

Nearly Destroyed by Fire This Afternoon.

BUILT BY THE ROMANS

One of the Oldest Edifices Left in England.

Garrison of 2,000 Men Battles With the Fire.

Dover, Eng., Dec. 14.-Fire broke out Dover Castle this afternoon. officers quarters were gutted and the fire extended to the main building. The whole garrison turned out to fight the flames. The powder magazine narrowly

The eastern portion of the castle wa ompletely destroyed and the flames spread to the western portion. Great efforts were made to save articles of historic and artistic value which were numerous in that portion of the castle, with partial success. The fire was quenched at 4 p. m.

[The castle of Dover, one of the most remarkable edifices in England, stands on the summit of a chalk cliff, about one and one-half miles north of the town. Its walls enclose 35 acres. It is supposed to have been founded by the Romans, but some portions are Norman and Saxon, while others belong to still later epochs. It contains a spacious keep, used as a magazine, and barracks for 2,000 men. Within the precincts of the castle stands an octagonal watch tower, interesting not only as the earliest specimen of Roman architecture, but also as one of the most ancient pieces of regular masonwork in Great Britain.] [The castle of Dover, one of the mos

COOK-KEPLEY CONTEST. A Motion Made by Judge Horton to End the Examination.

End the Examination.

The attorneys for Porter S. Cook are making an effort to put an end to the sheriff contest at once. A "demurrer" is being argued this afternoon, the contention being that Sheriff Kepley has not made a showing that will entitle him to the office in any event. In case the judges sustain this contention there will be a sudden termination of the contest and no evidence about the giving away of liquor will be introduced.

The time of the court this forenoon was taken up by the examination of the following students of Washburn college: E. L. Stewart, J. F. Cell, Forest McDonald, R. M. Coulson, J. J. Henderson and H. F. Burt.

They were subpoenaed in Kepley's interest to prove that they voted diegally. All the students said that they came to Topeka for the purpose of living here. Justice of the Peace Joseph Hopkins of Rossville was examined to prove that the numbers on the ballots in Rossville were placed there after they were counted. Hopkins swore positively that the numbers were put on for convenience after the ballots were taken from the ballot box. "I thought that was the law. That is the way we have always done in Rossville," said he by way of explanation. This will probably save Kepley the 100 majority he received at that place.

Just before noon Horton made his motion to have the case closed up and the arguments on his motion will hardly be finished this afternoon. If this motion is overruled the question of dispensing liquor will be opened and some interesting developments will undoubtedly result.

nteresting developments will undoubt edly result.

GEN. CLAY ONLY DEFEATED Declares He is Not Conquered Though His Enemies Triumph Temporarily.

Richmond, Ky., Dec. 14.—There has been no reconciliation between Genera Clay, aged 87, and his wife, Dora, aged and the husband now believes that the will never return to Whitehall to emain despite her protestations of ove, as he thinks she is completely inr the influence of her relatives, who

der the influence of her relatives, hold her a prisoner.
The Kentucky Register contains a letter from Gen. Clay, in which he gives a copy of what he terms "the last letter of my poor orphan wife, very unchanged in batim in grammar, unchanged words, but corrected in the spelling."

words, but corrected in the spelling."
Dora's letter is as follows:
Valley View, Ky.—Mr. Clay—My dear
friend and husband: I thought I would
tell you how I am getting better than
I was. 'Hoody' lost her little baby
Dora. Dear husband I need money. I
am sick, and you must do it. I would
not ask you if I did not need it. Please
send Bud. Litterel. Dear husband,
don't listen to no one, for you know
I would not do anything wrong. Send
me \$6 or \$7 now. Please don't listen to
no one. God bless you. Goodbye. Your
true wife. no one. G

"DORA CLAY.

"Dear husband, they are all telling stories about Willit Bryant. Don't dear husband. He is working with Clell, and don't listen to no one. Goodbye.

"DORA CLAY."

The general concludes his letter as

"Dora is a prisoner in the hands of her worst enemies of the 'vendetta,'and they will take her back. I am defeat-

K. P. SALE PUT OFF. Judge Sanborn Extends the Time 6) Days.

St. Louis, Dec. 14.-Judge Sanborn in the court of appeals has granted a postponement of the proposed sale of the Kansas Pacific railroad for 69 days.

PRISONS RUNNING OVER. Old Culprits Dismissed to Make Room for the New in Pragua

Vienna, Dec. 14.—Unrest continues in Bohemia. Today the troops have pa-trolled the streets of Prague and spec-ial guards are stationed at the German theaters owing to the fact that a bomb was found inst Thursday evening near the Royal German theater.

There are numerous arrests daily, and the prisons are so full that it has been found necessary to discharge the Slight collisions between the students and police have occurred at Prague, Cracowa and Cratz. During the pres-ent week 30 newspapers have been con-fiscated in Bohemia.

THEY HEARD FROM TOPEKA American Federation of Labor Receives a Telegram.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 14.—At the opening of today's session of the American Federation of Labor, several protests were made against the oredentials of the delegates, and after some discussion, it was declared that the delegates should be seated and the matter referred to the grievance committee.

mittee.

Letters from the mayor of Denver and the officers of the chamber of commerce of that city inviting the federation to hold its next convention there,

were read.

Congratulatory telegrams received from New Jersey, Topeka, Kan., Kansas City and Peoria, were also read.

A letter was read from the National Woman's Temperance Union expressing sympathy with the labor movement and urging that a stand be taken by the convention against saloons. The committee on rules recommended that the convention meet at 3 a.m. and adjourn at noon, and reassamble at 2 p.m. and adjourn at noon, and reassamble at 2 p.m. and adjourn at p.m. and adjourn at p.m. The report was adopted.

TAKE THE RIVER BANK

Rock Island to Fill in Many Acres West of Its Bridge.

The Rock Island Rallway company is considering a proposition for the en-largement of the railroad yards on the largement of the railroad yards on the south side of the river in this city. The plan looks to the filling in off the south bank of the river under and in the vicinity of the bridge, and the removal of one of the bridge spans. Each of the bridge spans measures largest, and such a move would give the railway nuch more yard space and also do away with the sharp curve at the south end of the

the sharp curve at the south end of the bridge.

General Attorney M. A. Low said to-day that such a move was in contemplation, but that he did not know when it would be carried out. It is probable, however, that the work of filling in under the bridge will be taken up in the spring Something is being done toward this now by the company cleaning all stock cars on the yard track near the river and using the refuse to fill in the low ground at the river bank.

This improvement in the yards would probably cost the railroad company several thousand dollars.

BIG EXPENDITURE.

Rock Island Will Spend \$50,000 on a Water Main for Horton.

The Rock Island railroad will soon begin the laying of a large water main from their shops at Horton to a creek eight miles away. Work was begun sometime ago on a large well, but as this will probably not furnish enough water the main to the creek will be used. A reservoir and pumping station will be built at a cost of something like \$50,000. The water service at Horton, in the past has been somewhat crippled, and this new waterworks will greatly facilitate the work at the Horton shops

LA TOURAINE

Arrives Off the Coast Displaying Signal of Distress.

Plymouth, Eng. Dec. 14.—The French steamer La Toursine Captain San telli, from New York on December 4 for Havre, and which should have arrived there on Sunday morning, stopped off the Lizard when she reached there at 1:10 this morning and signated that the was not under control. A westbound steamer is assisting La

REEL'S STORE ROBBED. Thieves Break Open Rear Door and

Carry Off Goods. Last night between 10 and 12 o'clock the store at 825 Kansas avenue, occu-pled by L. D. Reel. men's furnishing goods, and J. S. White, premium stump

collection, was broken into

An electric light burned in the front
of the store room. The burglars entered at the rear by breaking a pune of Patrolman Pavey made his rounds Pairolman Pavey made his rounds about 16:39 o'clock, trying all rear doors of the stores between Flighth and Tenth streets. When he again made the runds at 12 o'clock he found the Sergeant Owen and Pavey made an investigation. The proprietors were notified. It was found that 18 Stetson hats, 20 suits of underwear and considerable fine furnishing goods were stolen from the Reel stock. Mr. White lost about \$25 worth of silverware. The small safe in the rear contained plated jewelry, some of which was taken. The combination lock had not been set, and the iron cash drawers had been forced

the iron cash drawers had been forced open with a hammer. THE TRADES EXCURSION.

The first Trades Excursion train fostered by the Commercial club and chartered by the merchants whose names appear on the sixteenth page promises to be a great success. The committee is already arranging for extra cars, believing that the original number, four

SCHOOL FUND HAS ALL. All but \$25,000 of State Indebtedness About to be Taken Up.

The state school fund commissioners have made arrangements to purchase \$54,600 state bonds. After this transaction the state school fund will own all but \$25,000 of the \$632,000 state indebted-

ness.
The commissioners propose to acquire the remaining \$25,000 of the state debt during the present administration.

BRYAN TAKES A DRIVE. Goes for a Turn in the Forest of Cha-

pultapec. City of Mexico, Dec. 14.—President Diaz sent one of his aides de camp to call on Mr. Bryan early this morning to arrange for his pleasure. Then Mr. Bryan paid his respects to General Clayton, American minister and later went to drive in the forest of Chapulte-